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Minerals Testing Customer Information

Effective 1-4-00

The laboratory is equipped to analyze water samples for a variety of minerals. Most well water taste and odor problems are caused by iron and/or manganese. Mineral testing costs are:

Minerals 1 (Iron. Manganese, alkalinity, & pH) \$5.00 Minerals 2 (Iron, Manganese, Alkalinity, Hardness, pH, \$20.00 Chloride, Sulfate, Sulfide, Fluoride, and Nitrate)

Additional tests are \$5.00 each, and the customer will have to talk to Rodney or Margaret in the lab to determine which additional tests the lab is equipped to perform.

To have well water tested for minerals:

- 1. Pay for and receive a mineral sample bottle at the Waterworks office.
- 2. Collect the sample, complete label information and affix labels to sample container.
- 3. Return the sample to the Central Lab THE SAME DAY IT IS COLLECTED. The lab accepts samples Monday Thursday. WE DO NOT ACCEPT SAMPLES ON FRIDAY OF THE DAY BEFORE A COUNTY HOLIDAY.
- 4. The customer may call the lab one week after delivering the sample to the lab to learn the results of the testing. The customer may pick up his results from the lab AFTER CALLING to tell the lab when he will pick them up. It is important for the lab to know when a customer is coming because both lab analysts may be out collecting samples, and there would be no one in to give him his results. If the customer calls first, and we know we may be out, we can leave the results in the lobby of the lab for the customer to pick up.